VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2024 SESSION

CHAPTER 493

An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-217.03 of the Code of Virginia, relating to guidelines for individualized education program teams relating to certain age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction; availability and posting.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-217.03 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-217.03. Individualized education program teams to consider need for certain age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction.

A. The Department of Education shall establish, *make available to each school board, and post on its website* guidelines for individualized education program (IEP) teams to utilize when developing IEPs for children with disabilities to ensure that IEP teams consider the need for age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction related to sexual health, self-restraint, self-protection, respect for personal privacy, and personal boundaries of others.

B. In developing IEPs for children with disabilities, in addition to any other requirements established by the Board, each local school board shall ensure that IEP teams consider the guidelines established by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection A.

2. That the Department of Éducation shall, in accordance with subsection A of § 22.1-217.03 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, make available to each school board and post on its website the guidelines for Individualized Education Program teams relating to certain age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction by the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.